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1. THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED HIS SATISFACTION WITH THE VISIT OF VICE-PREMIER AND MINISTER OF WAR MUHAMMED ABDI AL-GHANI JAMASI TO SOMALIA. AMBASSADOR KHAIRAT SAID THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT WAS TO DEMONSTRATE SUPPORT FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (GSDR). HE THOUGHT THAT OBJECTIVE HAD BEEN ACCOMPLISHED. THE AMBASSADOR DID MAKE IT CLEAR THAT PRESIDENT SIAD HAD RECORDED HIS DIS-

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APPOINTMENT WITH THE RESPONSE OF THE US AND THE WEST IN GENERAL TO HIS ENTREATIES FOR WEAPONS SUPPORT.

ACCORDING TO THE AMBASSADOR, SIAD SAID HE HAD SIGNED THE ASSURANCES THE AMERICANS REQUESTED, WITHDRAWN HIS FORCES WHEN THEY REQUESTED TO DO SO, AND AGREED TO ACCEPT THE MILITARY SURVEY TEAM THE US REQUESTED, BUT STILL THERE WAS NO RESPONSE FROM THE AMERICAN SIDE. SIAD ALSO

REPORTEDLY SAID THERE WAS NO POSSIBILITY THE GSDR WOULD TURN BACK TO THE SOVIETS WHILE HE WAS AT THE HELM. THE SOMALI PRESIDENT REPORTEDLY SAID THE SOVIETS HAD HUMILIATED HIM, AND SOVIET FORCES KILLED SOMALIS IN THE WAR, BUT THE SOMALI LEADER OBSERVED, "I AM ALSO BEING HUMILIATED BY THE UNITED STATES, NOT IN SUCH A DIRECT FASHION, BUT IT AMOUNTS ALMOST THE SAME THING". KHAIRAT QUOTES SIAD AS SAYING: "I HAVE GIVEN THEM THE GUARANTEES; I HAVE TOLD THEM THEY MAY PRESCRIBE THE CONDITIONS, BUT STILL THERE IS NO RESPONSE".

2. THE EGYPTIAN MILITARY ATTACHE TOLD THE CHARGE AUGUST 14 THAT THE JAMASI MISSION WAS PREPARED TO MAKE CERTAIN COMMITMENTS TO THE GSDR BEFORE THE MISSION ARRIVED. THE TECHNICAL/SUBSTANTIVE MEETINGS, COL. HALIM SAID, WERE CONSEQUENTLY BRIEF, AND THE GSDR PLEASED WITH THE EGYPTIAN COMMITMENT. THE EGYPTIAN ARMED FORCES OFFERED A VIRTUALLY UNLIMITED NUMBER OF CADET APPOINTMENT TO THE FOUR BASIC EGYPTIAN MILITARY ACADEMIES, AIR, AIR DEFENSE, GROUND, AND NAVY. IN ADDITION THE EGYPTIANS WILL SEND A FORTY TO SIXTY OFFICER MILITARY MISSION TO SOMALIA TO TRAIN SOMALIS IN AIR DEFENSE AND AIR TACTICS. HALIM EXPECTS THE FIRST MEMBERS OF THE MISSION TO ARRIVE WITHIN TWO TO THREE WEEKS. ACCORDING TO THE ATTACHE, THE GSDR ARMED FORCES HAVE SUFFICIENT AIR DEFENSE CAPABILITY TO PROTECT SOME CITIES AND OTHER LOCATIONS, BUT THEY HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO UTILIZE
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MORE THAN TEN TO TWENTY PERCENT OF THEIR EXISTING CAPABILITY. THE EGYPTIANS WILL TRAIN THE SOMALIS IN THE BETTER USE OF THE EQUIPMENT NOW ON HAND.

3. HALIM THOUGHT THE EGYPTIANS MIGHT ALSO PROVIDE HALF A DOZEN TECHNICIANS TO WORK IN SNA MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR SHOPS. BUT, HE CONTINUED, WE WANT TO BE CAREFUL NEITHER TO BUILD UP AN OVERWHELMING PRESENCE OR INTERFERE WITH THE WORK OF PAKISTANI TECHNICIANS AND INSTRUCTORS WHO ARE ALREADY WORKING WITH THE SNA ARMORED FORMATIONS. HALIM OBSERVED THAT OF COURSE THE PAKISTANIS WERE NOT AS FAMILIAR WITH SOVIET EQUIPMENT AS THE EGYPTIANS WERE.

4. IN THE COURSE OF LENGTHY CONVERSATIONS ON AUGUST 13 AND AUGUST 14, NEITHER KHAIRAT NOR HALIM SAW ANY PRESENT THREAT TO THE STABILITY OF THE SIAD GOVERNMENT. BOTH THOUGHT A CHALLENGE FROM JUNIOR OFFICERS WAS A LONG TERM PROSPECT, BUT NEITHER SAW IT AS IMMEDIATE.
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